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OSTROV MRBM LAUNCH FACILITY, USSR

An MRBM launch facility, resembling a fixed field launch site, is newly identified at 57-23-20N 028-10-10E, at the Ostrov MRBM Complex. The facility (Figure 1) is 8.7 nautical miles (nm) south of Asanovshchina MRBM Launch Site and 1.7 nm west-southwest of the Shabany Fixed Field Launch Site.

Although the facility contains the normal four launch positions, many features are noted that make it unique in relation to the 102 fixed field sites identified to date. The most significant differences are 1) the presence of permanent buildings, including missile-ready buildings, at each launch position; 2) each launch position is oriented in a different direction with approximate azimuths [REDACTED] 3) these azimuths are also different from the azimuths of the eight pads at the nearby soft Ostrov MRBM launch sites which are aligned from [REDACTED]

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The facility is divided into a housing area and a launch site, each separately secured. The housing area consists of three barracks and administration-type buildings, an unidentified building, and a security post. The launch site consists of four launch positions and associated ready buildings, a garage, a probable launch control building with probable cable trenches to at least three of the launch positions, a security building at one entrance, an earth-mounded personnel shelter, and possibly three other buildings.

Interpretability of earlier photography is limited by tree foliage and small scale, both of which preclude an accurate chronology of the site development. The barracks and administrative-type buildings were present [REDACTED] at least two clearings were visible that are now launch positions. By [REDACTED] the garage was complete and partially roofed, and the personnel shelter was constructed between [REDACTED] [REDACTED] The missile-ready buildings were probably not present [REDACTED] although foliage effectively screens their positions.

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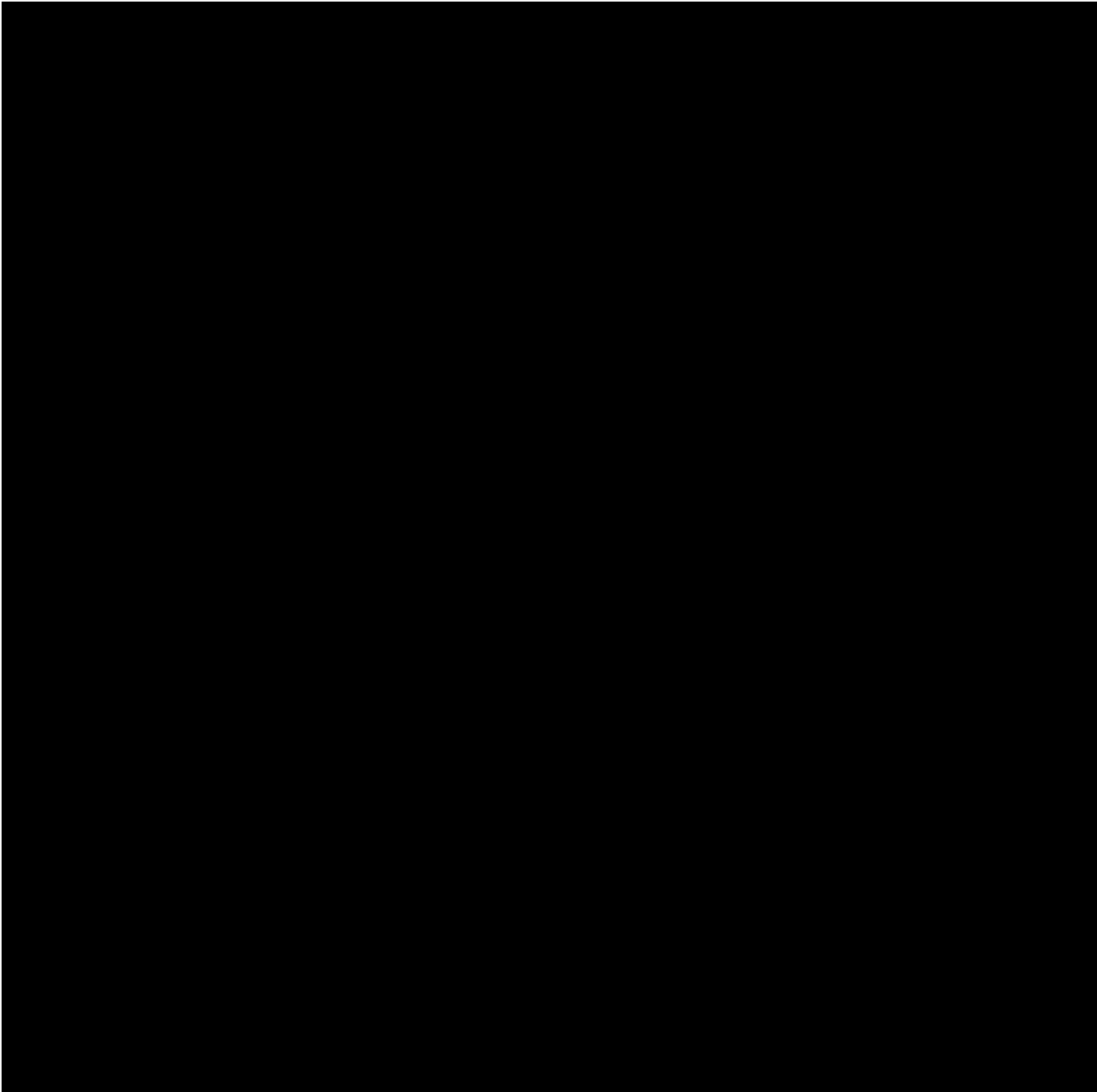
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On the access road, the following pieces of equipment are identified heading toward the site: one oxidizer transporter with prime mover, one fuel transporter with prime mover, one probable decontamination unit, and one possible hydrogen peroxide truck.

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